



# Materials for Energy Efficiency / Energy Efficient Materials

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# Agenda

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UTC Overview

UTC Examples of the Impact of Materials Science

Elevators

Membranes

Catalysts

Materials Processing and Energy

Additive Manufacturing

Machine Modeling

Materials Design/Manufacturing

# United Technologies

Business units

Pratt & Whitney



**aerospace systems**

Sikorsky



Carrier

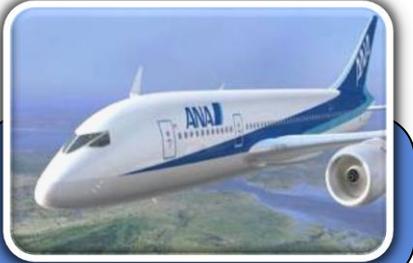


**power solutions**

UTC Power



Hamilton Sundstrand



UTC Fire & Security

**building systems**

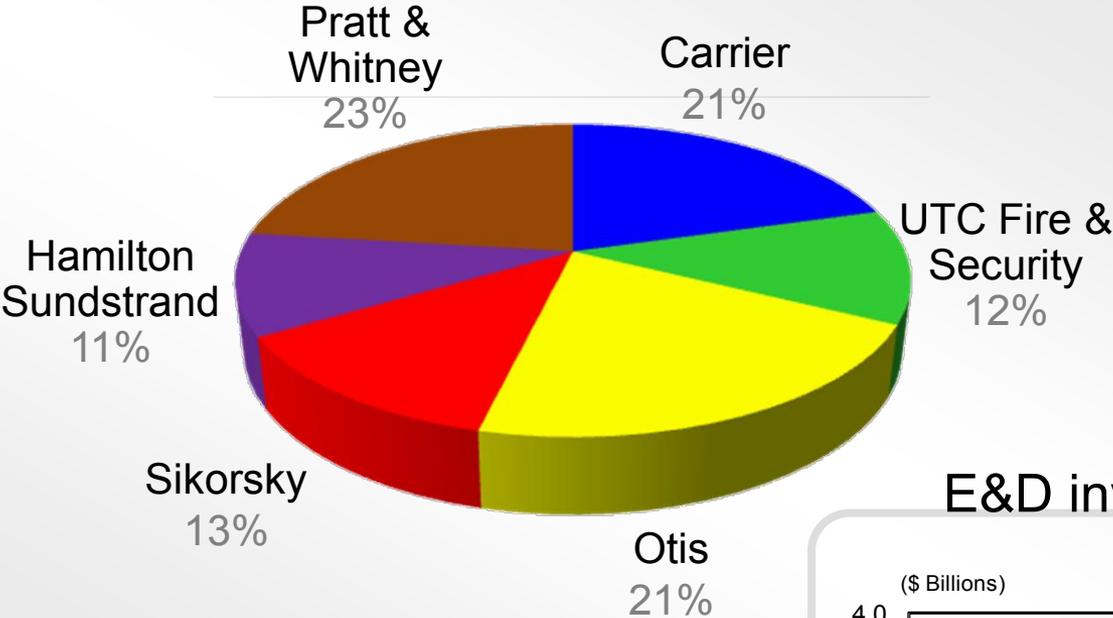


Otis

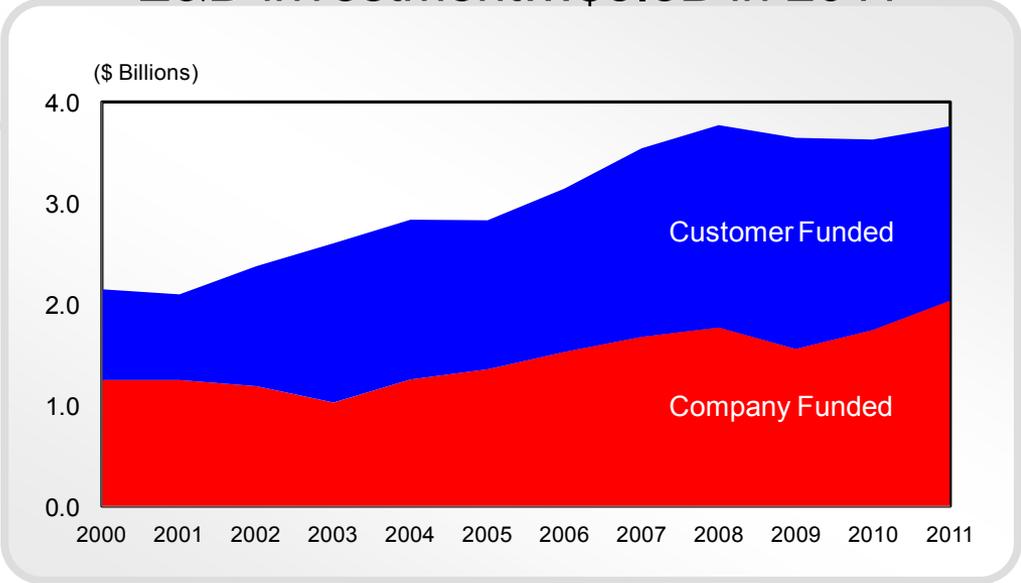


# United Technologies - 2011 Revenues: \$58.2 billion

## Business unit revenues



## E&D investment...\$3.8B in 2011



## Segment...

54% Commercial & Industrial  
46% Aerospace

# UTC Sustainability Roadmap



UTC launches the **2015 Sustainability Goals** and establishes a LEED requirement for new construction

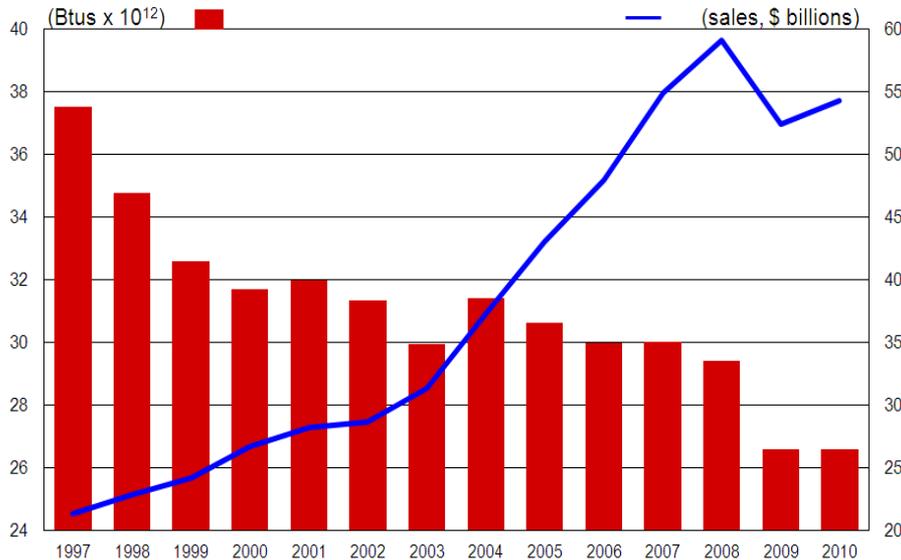
UTC energy efficient products

- Otis launches the Gen2® elevator system
- UTC Power introduces 400 kW PureCell® system
- Pratt & Whitney flight tests PurePower™ PW1000G engine with Geared Turbofan technology

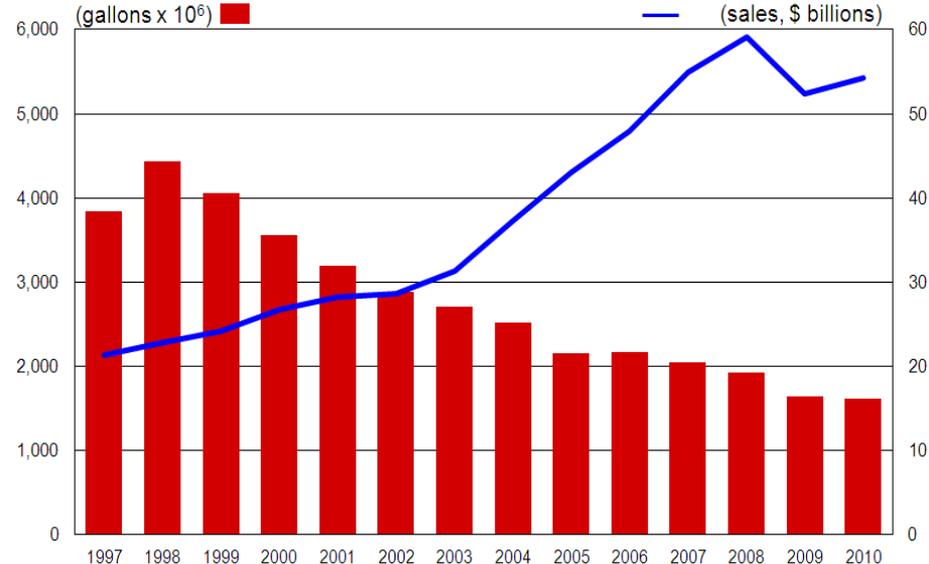
UTC is leading voice in advocacy programs

- U.S. Green Building Council (1993)
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development's Energy Efficiency in Buildings project (2006-2009)

## Energy Use 1997-2010



## Water Use 1997-2010



# Materials Science – Enabling Technology

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“The hallmark of progress in every age has been the way ‘materials engineers’ worked to improve the usefulness of materials”

- Iron and bronze
- Aluminum and stainless steel
- Plastics and synthetic fibers
- Nanostructured materials

“Materials have enabled advancements in railroads, automobiles, aircraft, telecommunications, defense, and medicine, even if materials did not, by themselves, set the pace of innovation”

*Of interest: “The Advanced Materials Revolution”,  
Sanford L. Moskowitz, Wiley, 2009*

# UTC's Basis of Competition is Technology

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“Everyday, UTC engineers and scientists around the world work to overcome two basic forces of nature – gravity and weather”

former CEO George David, 2006

“UTC competes on the basis of its technology. Our operating system matters, our customer interactions matter, but in the end people buy products, services and solutions from us because they run faster, operate hotter, weigh less, make less noise, last longer, and use less energy.”

Fundamental drivers for materials technology insertion at UTC

Durability

Weight

Cost

Temperature

Embodied energy

Operating energy

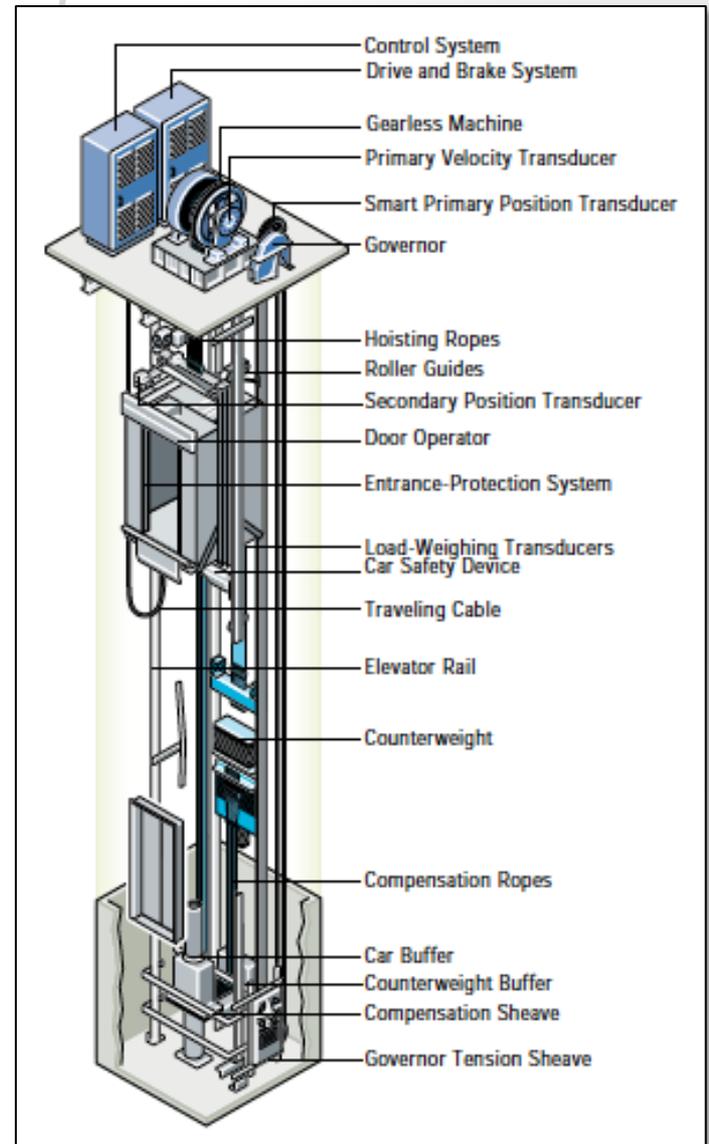
Enhanced features

# SOME EXAMPLES

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# Elevators

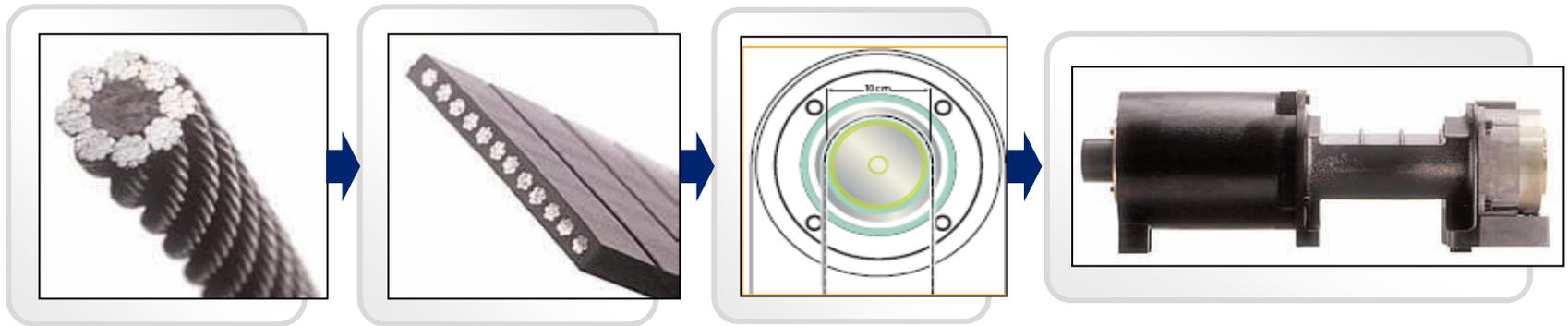
- Cost reduction
- Weight reduction
- Material systems for brakes and safeties
- Electrical efficiency
- Super hi-rise lifting systems



# Elevator Systems Enabled By Materials Technology

Conventional rope systems require

- Large machine size due to rope torque
- Rope diameter drives turning radius drives sheave diameter
- Lubricant systems



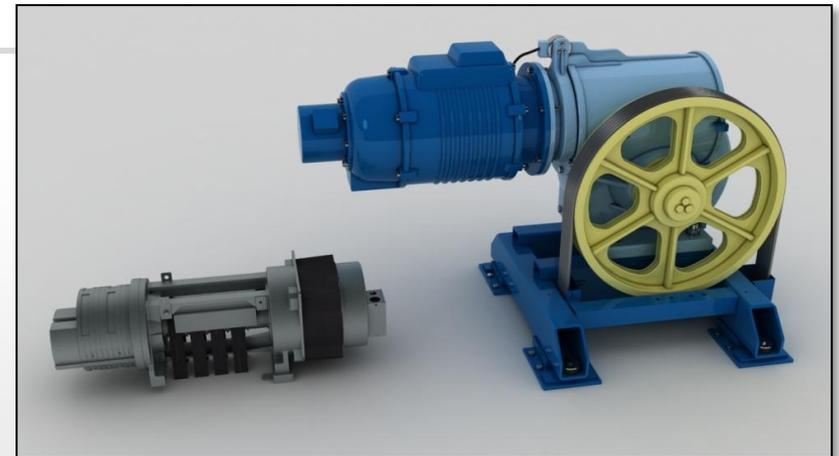
## Otis Gen2<sup>®</sup> Elevator System

- Flat polyurethane-coated steel belts
- 3 mm x 30 mm belt
- Eliminates lubricants

# Elevator Systems Enabled By Materials Technology

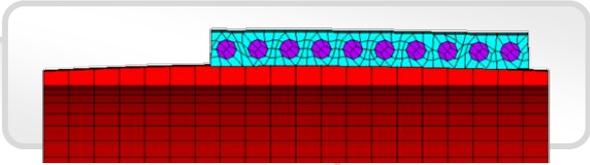
## Gen2<sup>®</sup> Elevator System

- Up to 70% reduced machine volume
  - Reduced torque from smaller radius sheave (480 mm to 100 mm)
  - 12mm dia rope vs. 1.6 mm dia. cord in flat belt
  - Improved packaging; machine roomless
- 75% machine weight reduction
- Power consumption reduced by 50%

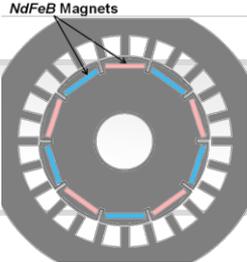


# Gen2<sup>®</sup> Elevator Material Challenges

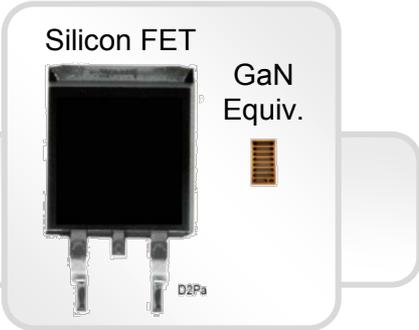
Material interactions in CSB cords



Advanced magnetics for motor drives



Materials for power electronics



Gen2<sup>®</sup> regenerating drive system achieves 75% improved energy efficiency

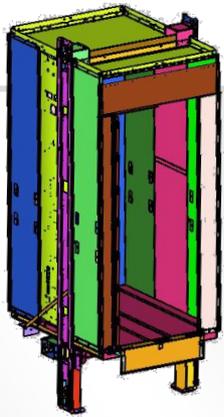


Rail interactions and lifting

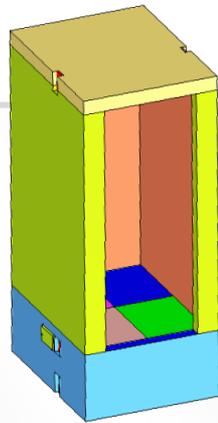


# Elevator Topology Optimization

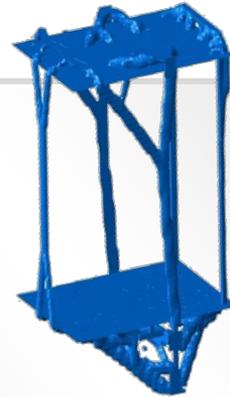
- Material saving
- Reduced distinct parts
- Reduced operations



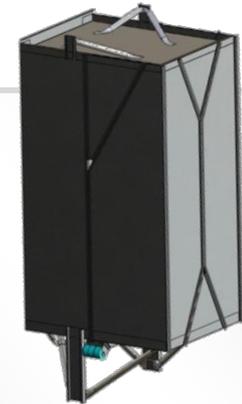
Baseline product



Design space and load/BCs (10 load cases)



Optimal topology (stress, deflection and frequency constraints)

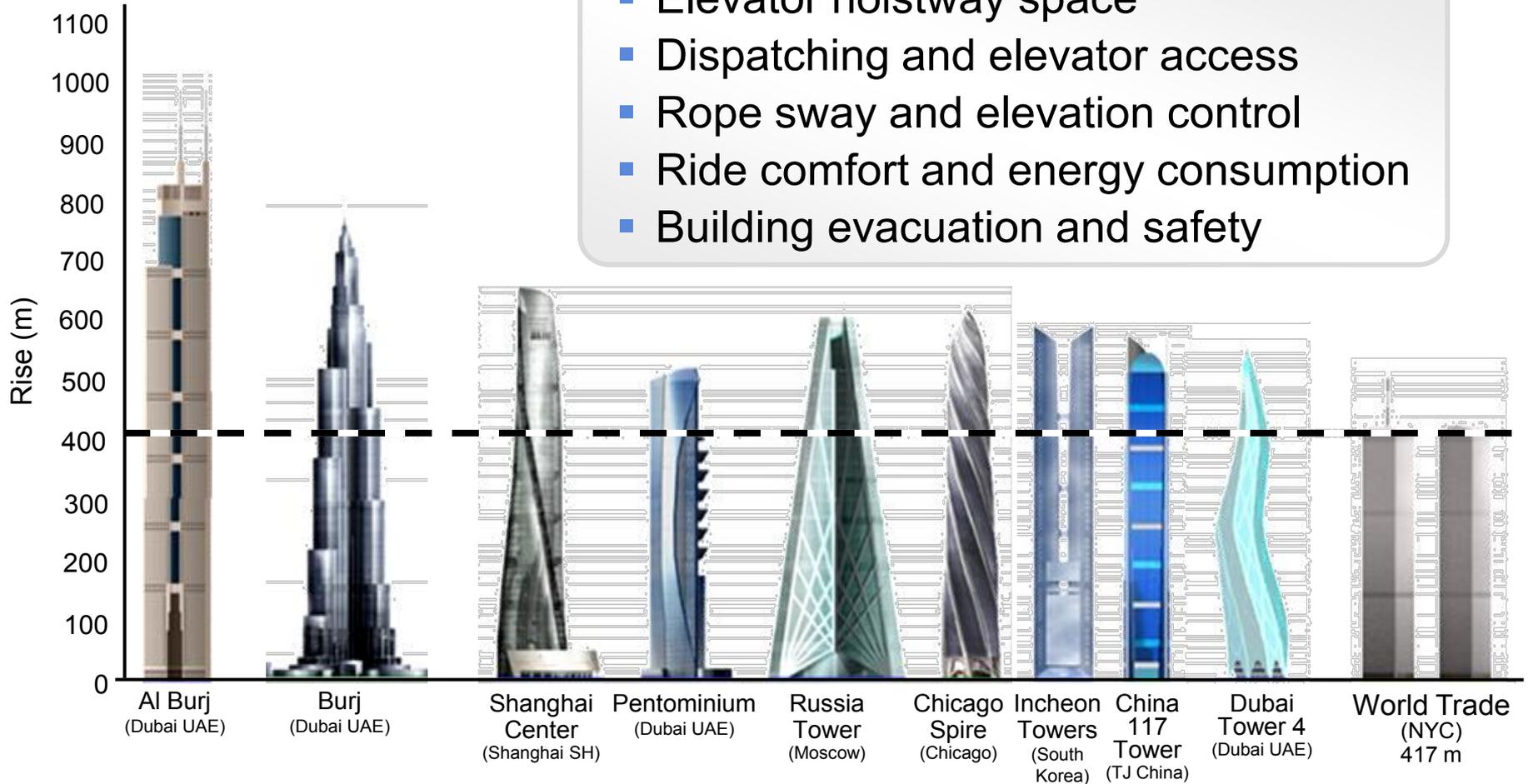


Engineering interpretation CAD drawing

# Otis... Ultra High Rise Buildings

## Technology challenges...

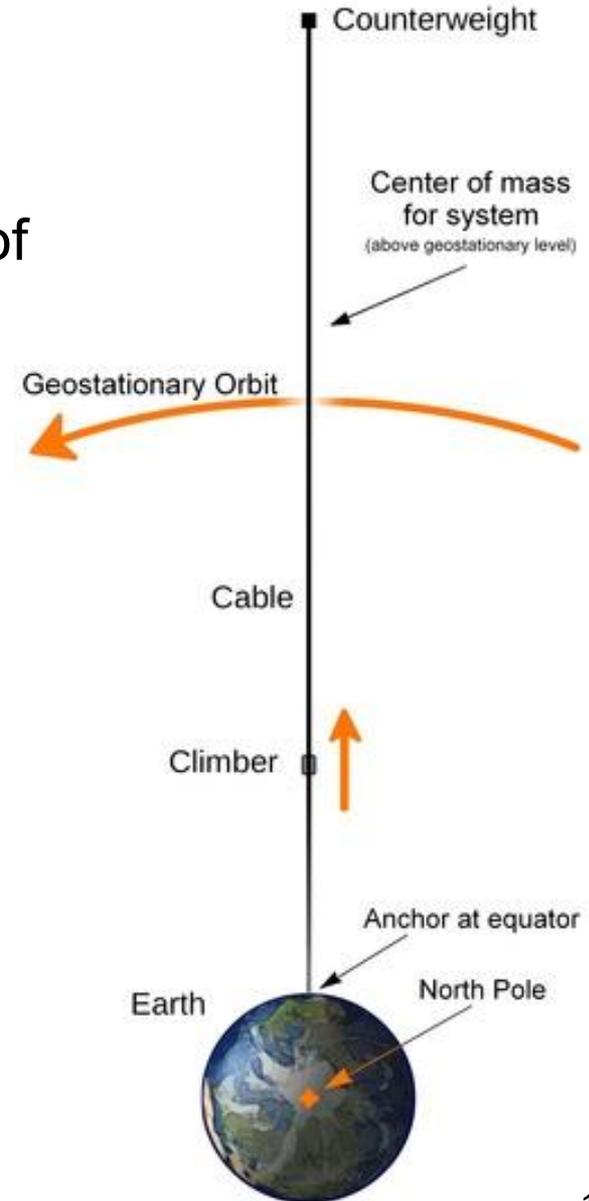
- Elevator hoistway space
- Dispatching and elevator access
- Rope sway and elevation control
- Ride comfort and energy consumption
- Building evacuation and safety



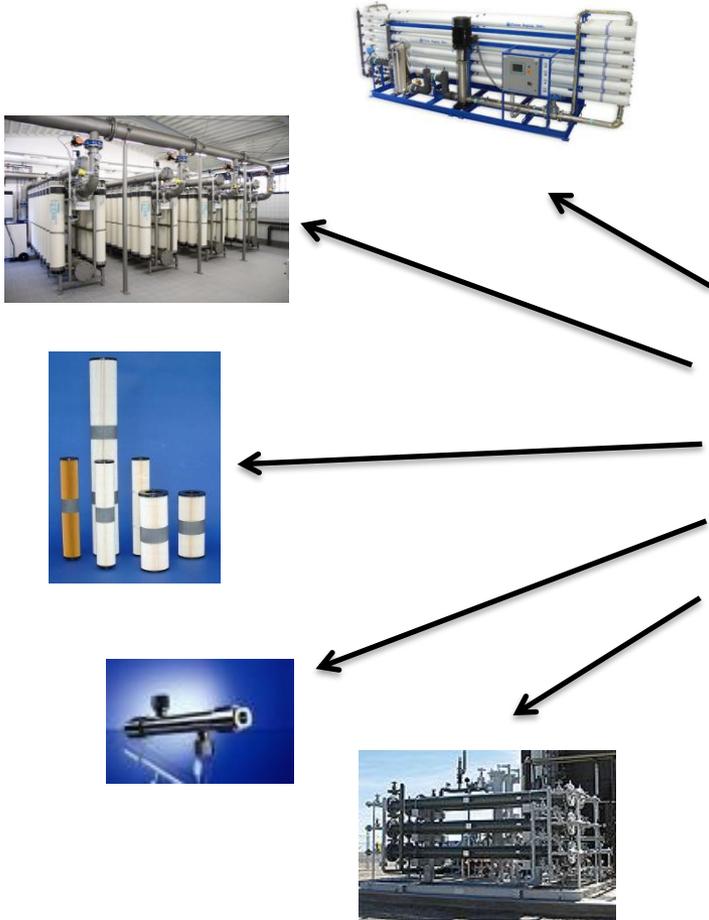
Emerging ultra high rise buildings have needs beyond the capabilities of many of the components we produce today.

# Where Does It End - The Space Elevator

- A cable anchored to the Earth's equator, reaching into space. (Tsiolkovsky, 1895)
- A counterweight at the end keeps the center of mass above the level of geostationary orbit.
- Inertia ensures cable remains stretched
- Above the geostationary level, climbers have upward centrifugal force.
- The cable must be made of a material with a large tensile strength/density ratio  $> 100,000 \text{ kN}/(\text{kg}/\text{m})$ .
- Optimize EM energy harvesting versus statics/potential differences.



# Membranes and Catalysts



**World Market (MM \$US)**

Process	2002	2004	2006	2008
RO / NF	1716	1934	2222	2571
Ultrafiltration	1441	1653	1927	2265
Microfiltration	2091	2449	2928	3517
Liquid Separations	1786	2138	2605	3200
Gas Separations	453	547	679	846
<b>Total</b>	<b>7487</b>	<b>8721</b>	<b>10361</b>	<b>12399</b>

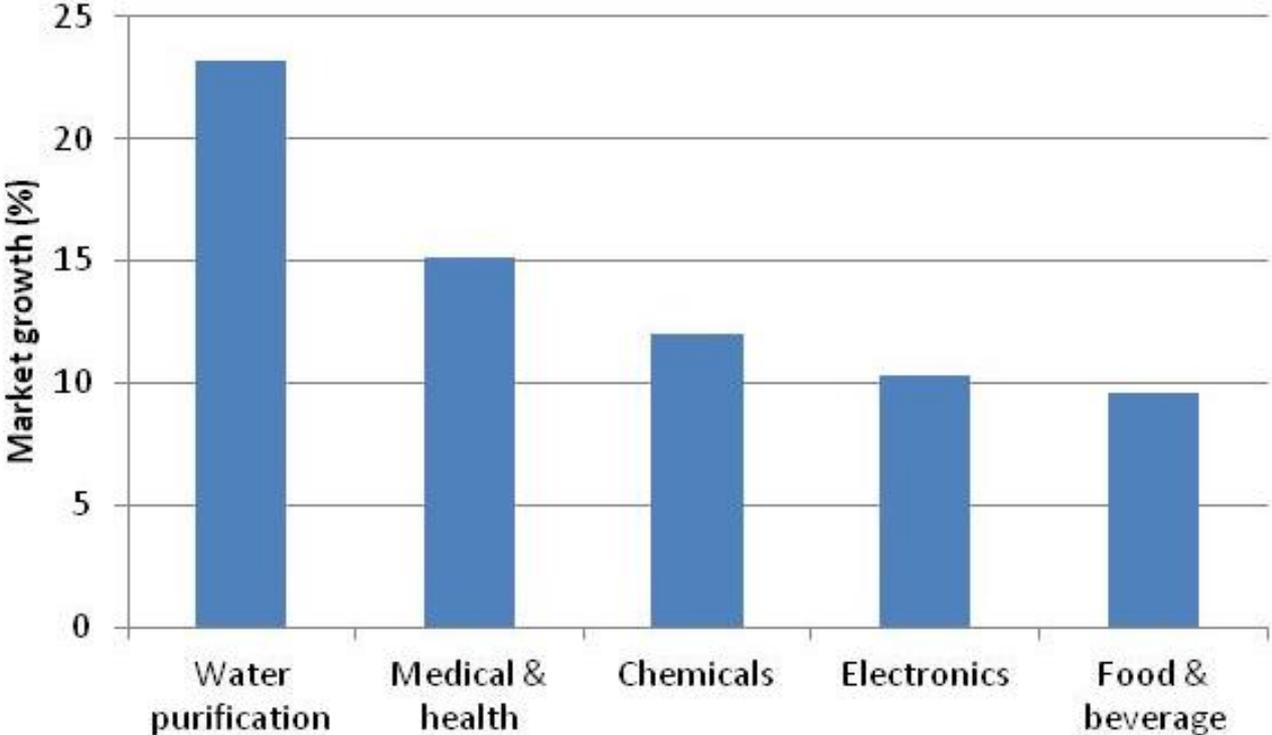
Source: *Profile of the International Membrane Industry, Elsevier Ltd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*

Global membrane separation technologies market to reach US \$16 Billion by 2017 (Global Industry Analysts, Inc.)

# Membranes Market Overview

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Market growth between 2003 - 2008



Key drivers are energy efficiency and environmental footprint

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# Membrane Technology Development

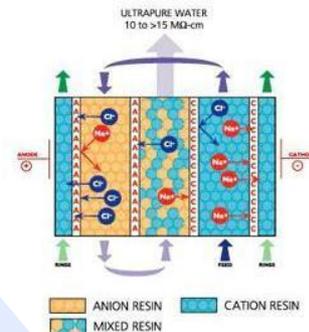
## Materials

Polymers  
Ceramics  
Metals

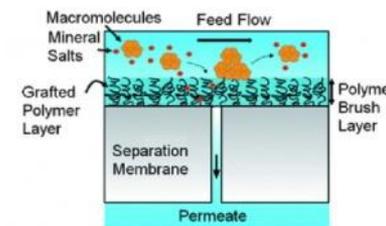
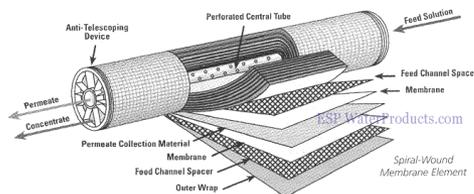


Flat sheets  
Pleated papers  
Tubular/hollow fiber

Pressure-driven  
Concentration-driven  
Electrical potential



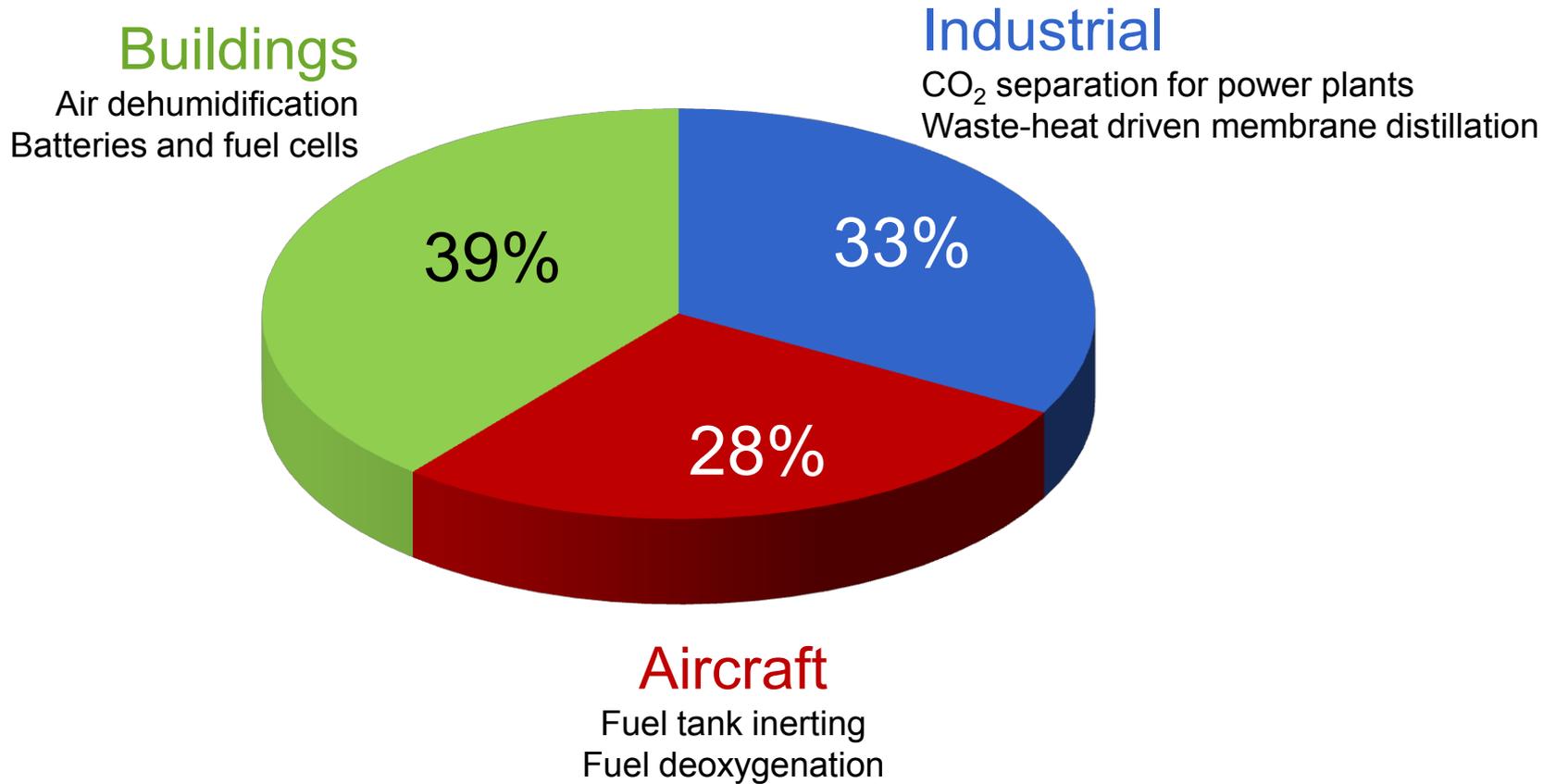
## Structure



## Process

# Membrane and Catalyst Applications at UTC

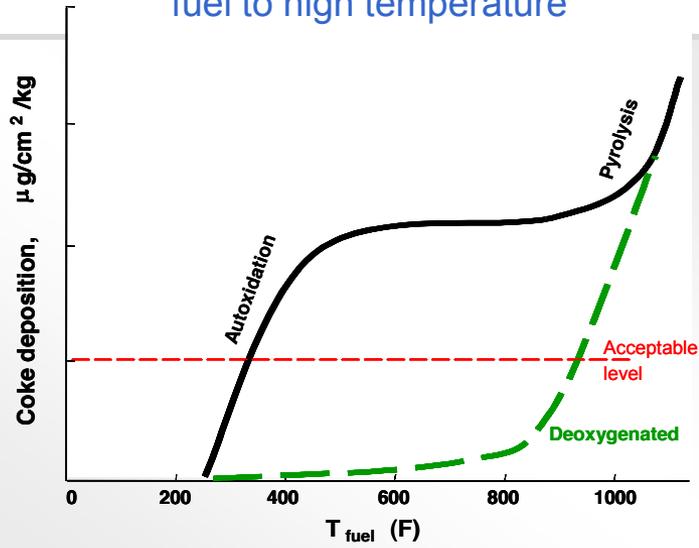
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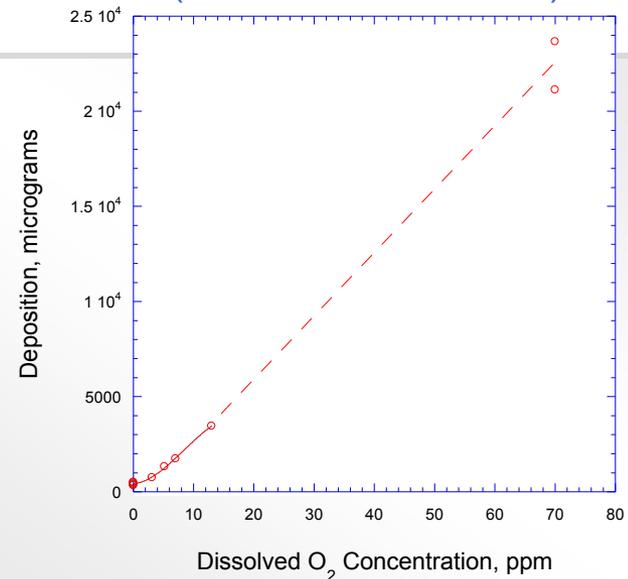
# Principles of FSU Operation

## Membrane-based deoxygenation prevents coke formation

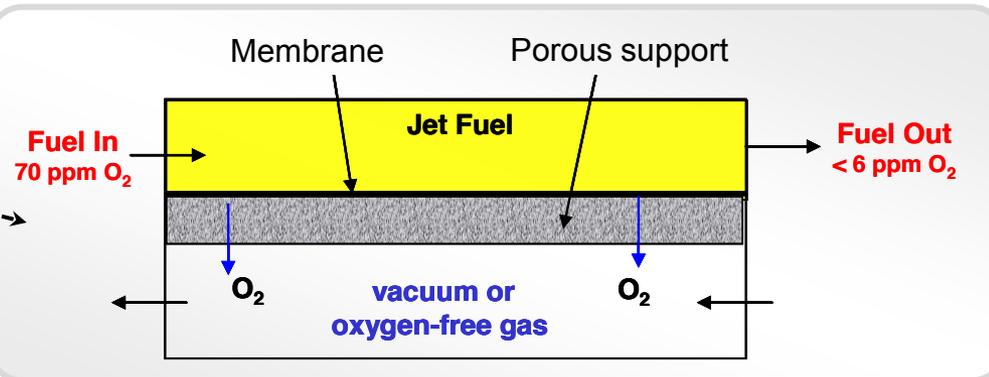
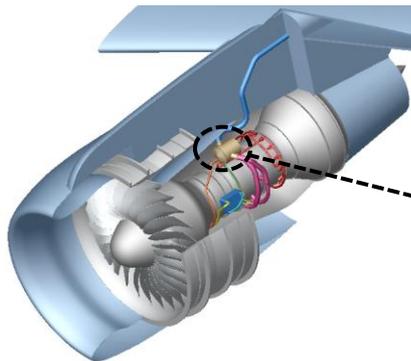
Coke formation prevents heating jet fuel to high temperature



Deposition as a function of oxygen level  
(20 mL / min flow rates)

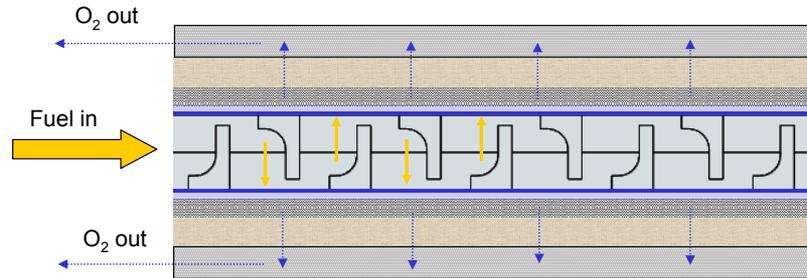


$\text{O}_2$  concentration gradient provides driving force

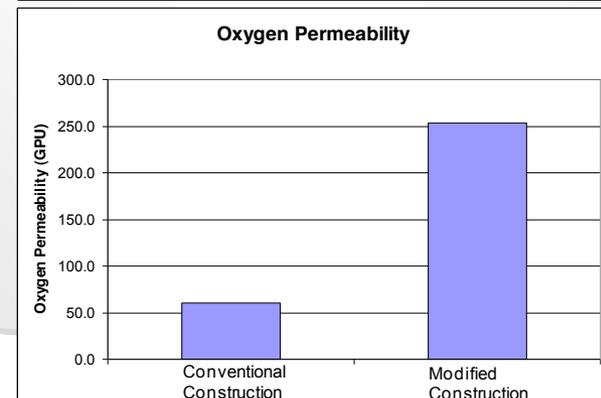
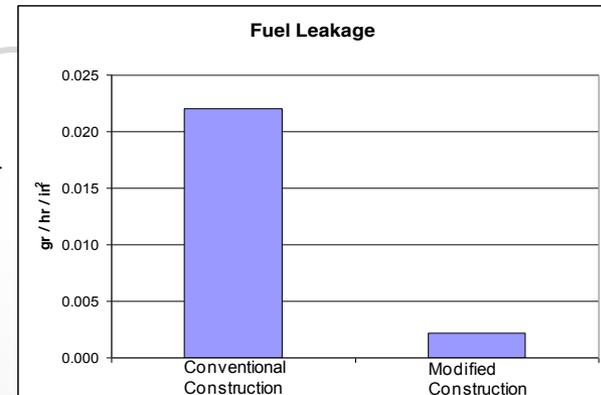
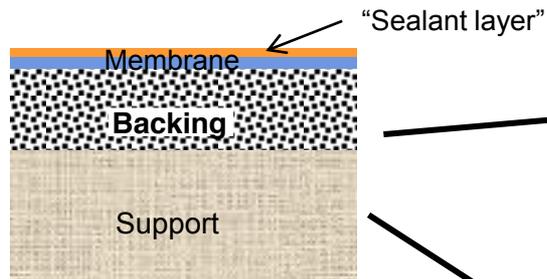


# Principles of FSU Operation

Membrane-based deoxygenation prevents coke formation



*Bottleneck: oxygen transport from bulk flow to membrane surface*



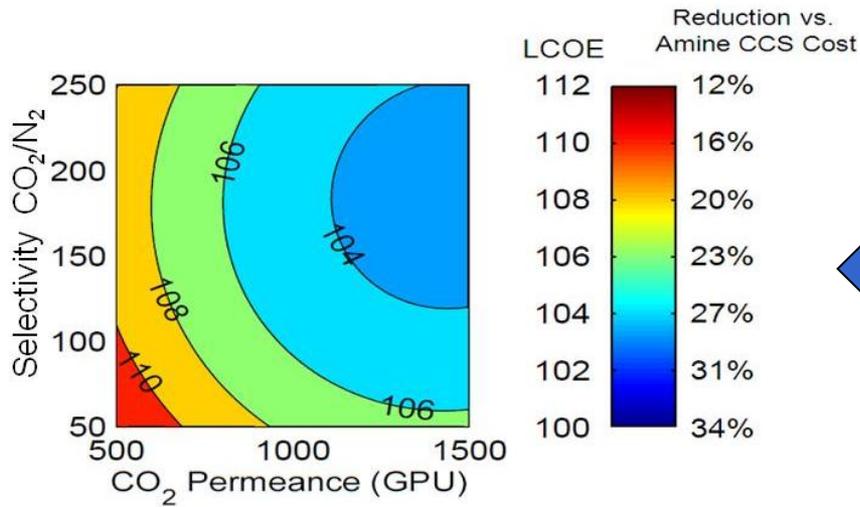
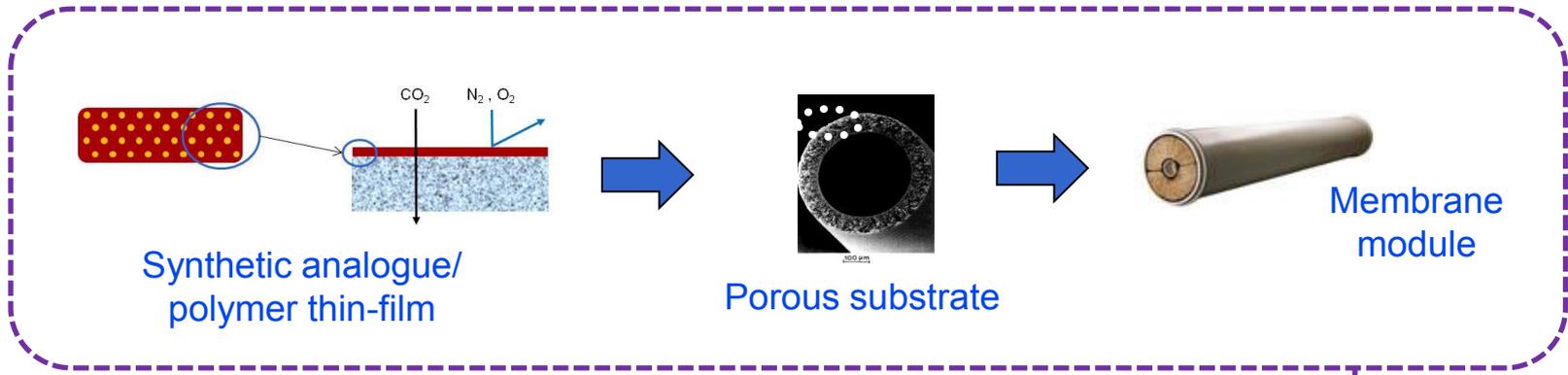
10X lower fuel leakage

5X higher oxygen permeance

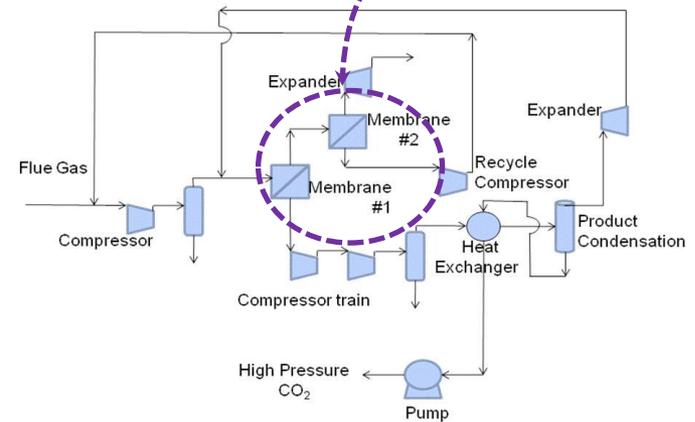
2X lower membrane mfg. cost

40% less membrane needed

# CO<sub>2</sub> Separation Membrane – Simulation Study

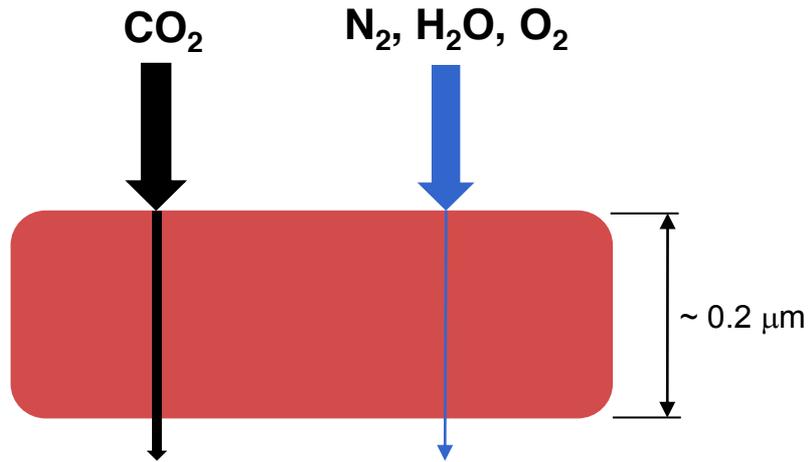


Membrane properties mapping



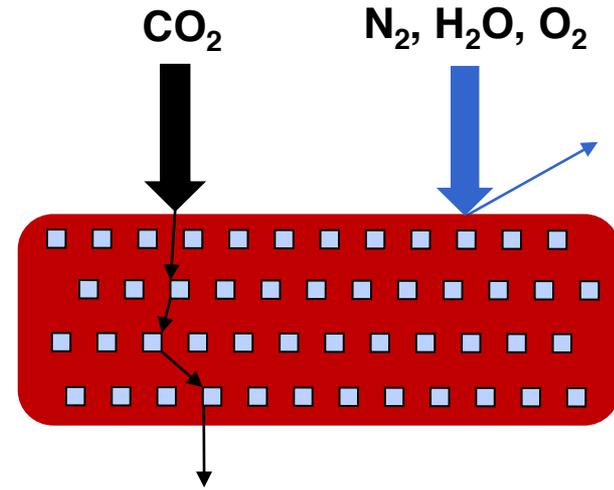
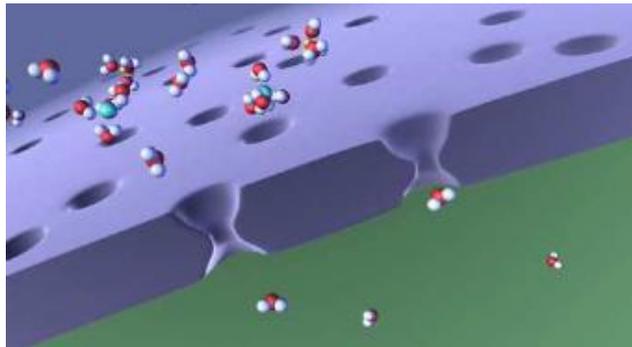
Simulated separation system (simplified)

# CO<sub>2</sub> Separation Membrane



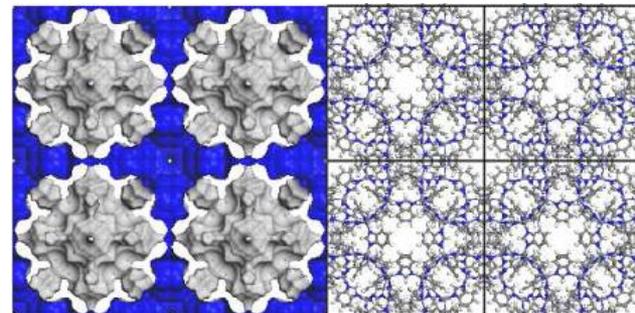
Current:

- Thin, dense polymer films with preferential CO<sub>2</sub> affinity
- Low selectivity for CO<sub>2</sub>



Desired:

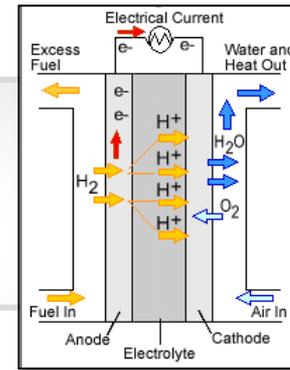
- CO<sub>2</sub> transport facilitated by “carriers” within a barrier film
- Fast and reversible interaction sites



# PEM Fuel Cells Membrane Attributes and Challenges

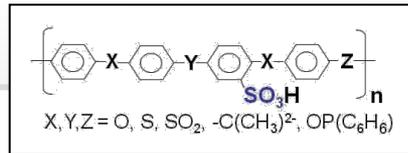
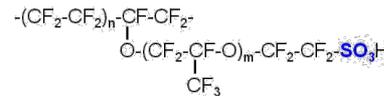
## Function

- Transport protons
- Separate the reactants ( $H_2$ ,  $O_2$ )



## Available membranes

- PerFluoro Sulphonic
- Hydrocarbon

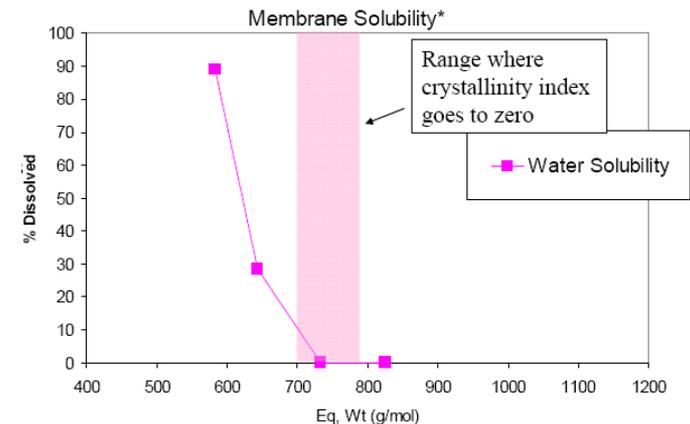


## Desired attributes

- High proton conductivity
- Low gas cross-over
- High chemical / mechanical durability

## Challenges

- Sufficient proton conductivity at low RH
- Stability at high temperature operation
- Trade-offs in durability and performance
- Cost



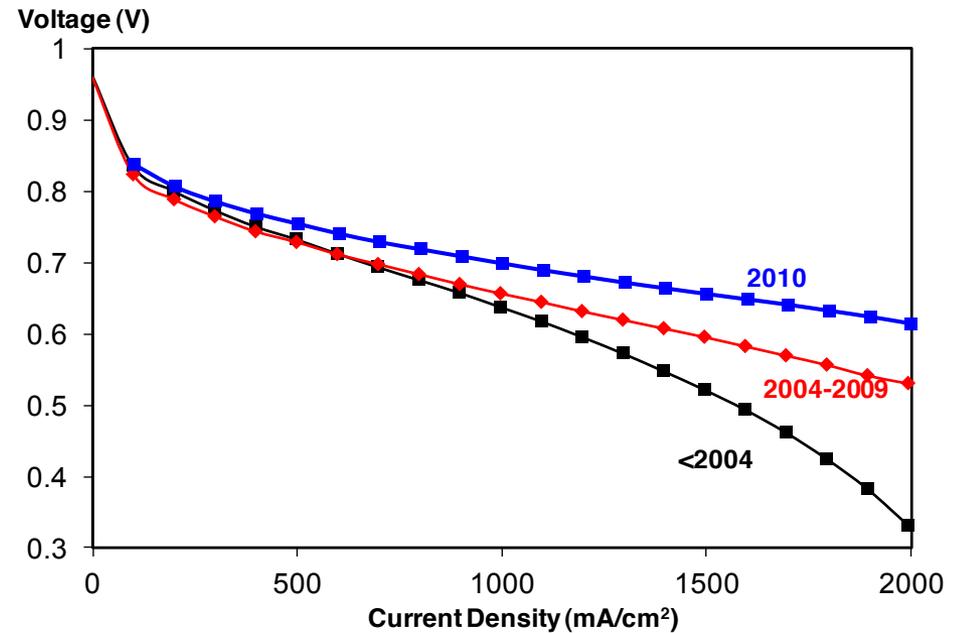
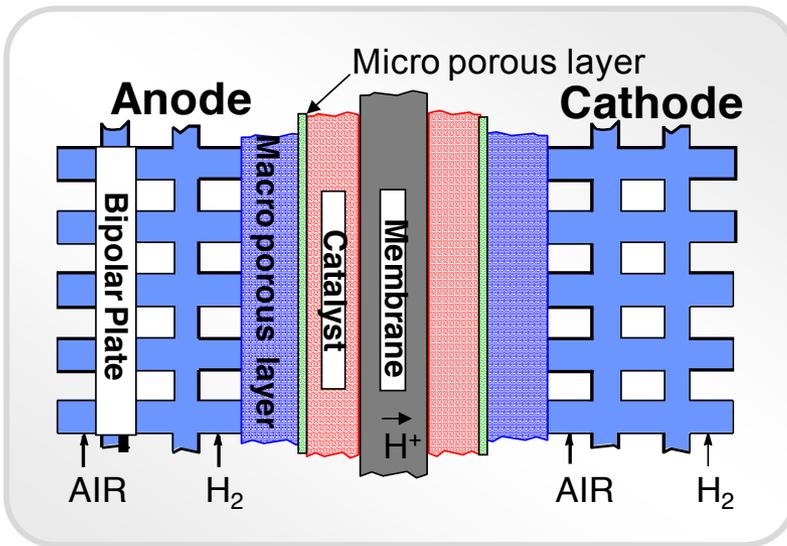
# PEM Fuel Cells

Membrane critical to fuel cell life and performance

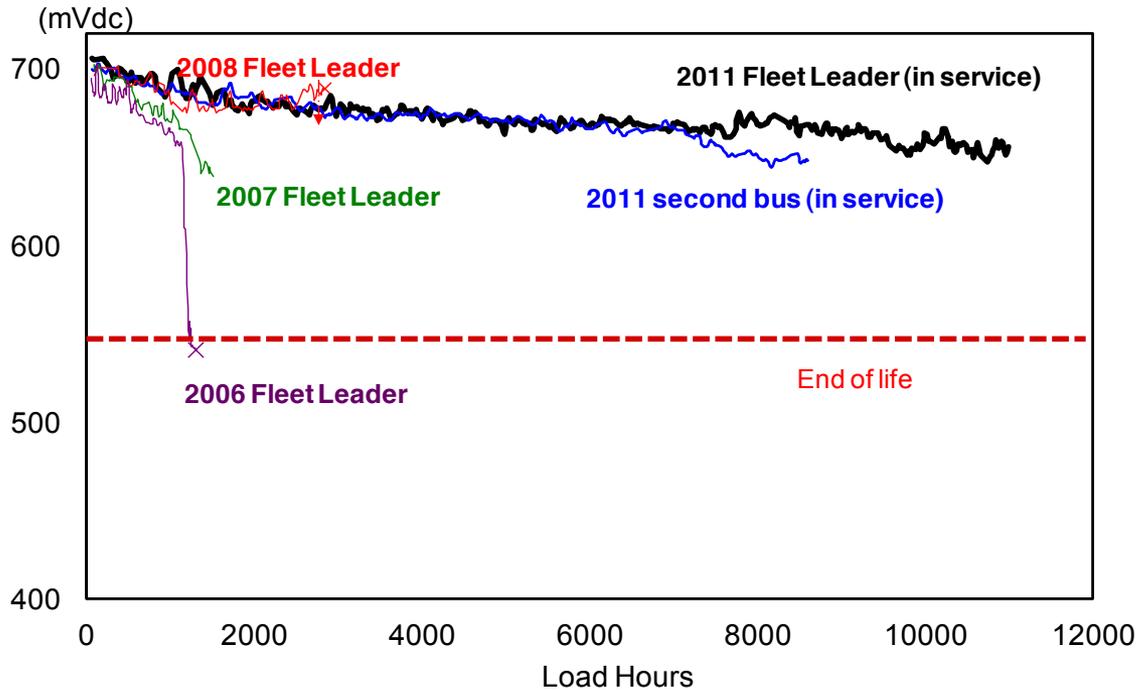
Chemical stability

Mechanical strength

Improved performance resulting in higher power densities



# UTC Power – Fuel Cell Bus Durability



## Fleet statistics

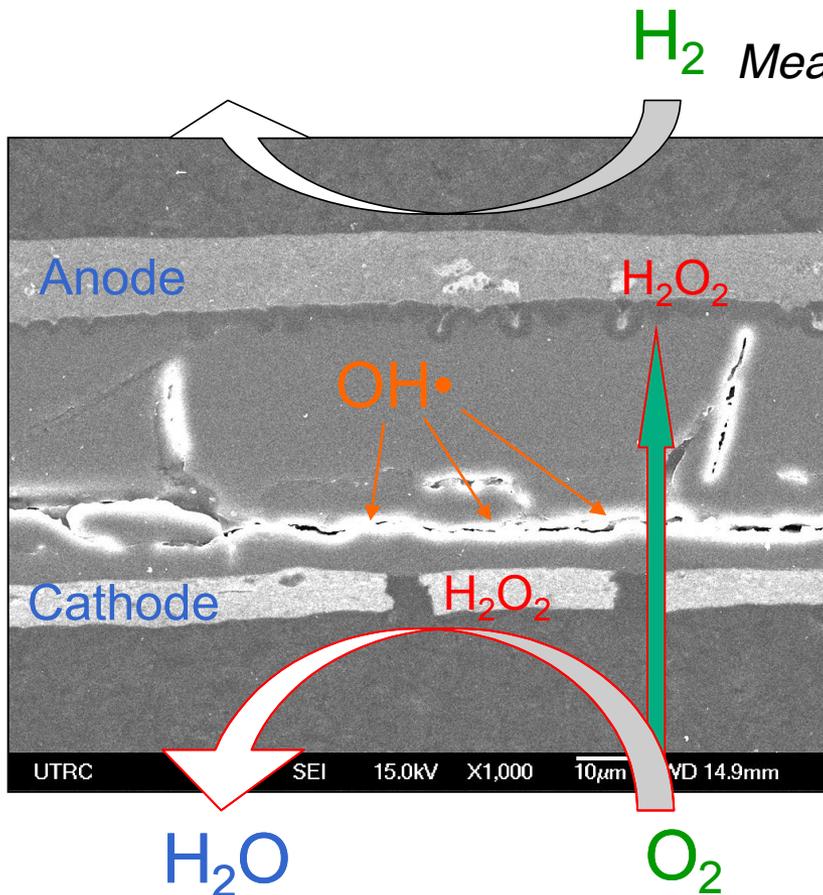
17 bus fleet  
750,000 miles  
70,000 hours  
18,500 start-stops

Best in class PEM fuel cell durability enabled by improved systems understanding and advanced cell materials

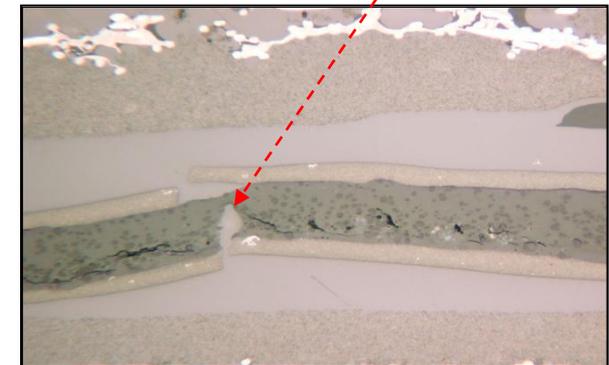
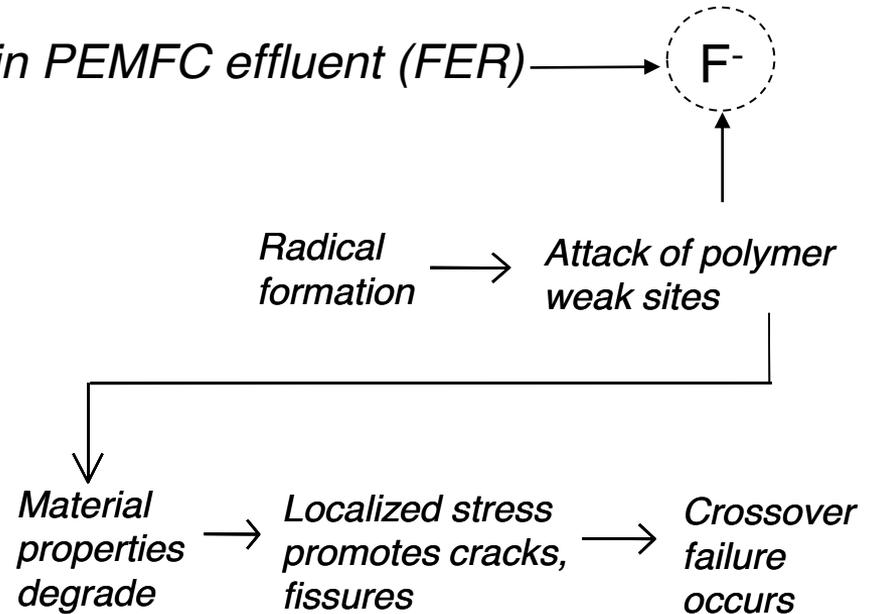


# Membrane Durability: Critical Fuel Cell Enabler

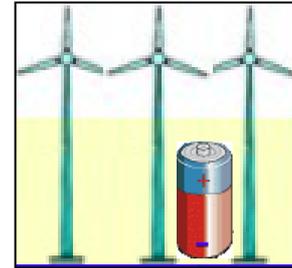
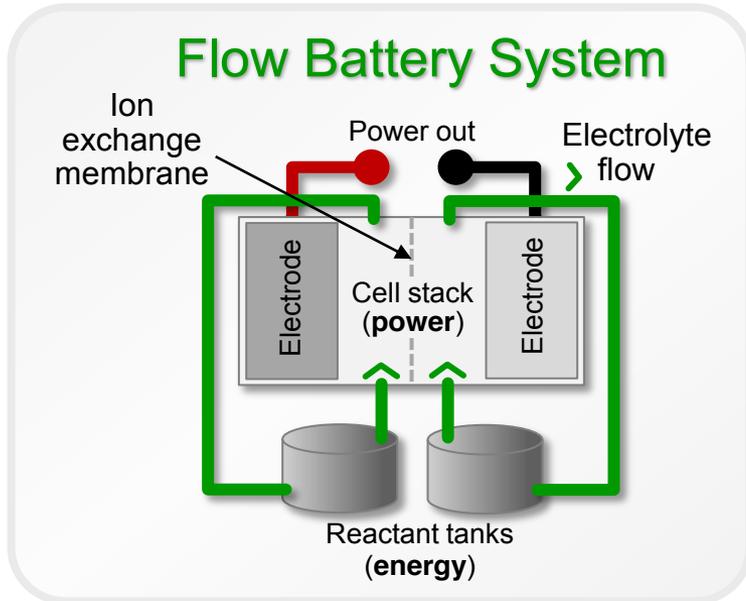
Membrane failure limits stack life (e.g. 10,000 vs 40,000 hours)



- Chemical degradation
- Mechanical degradation



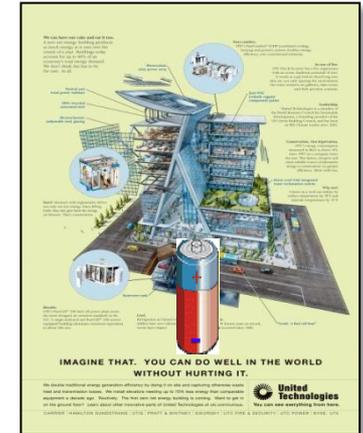
# Flow Batteries



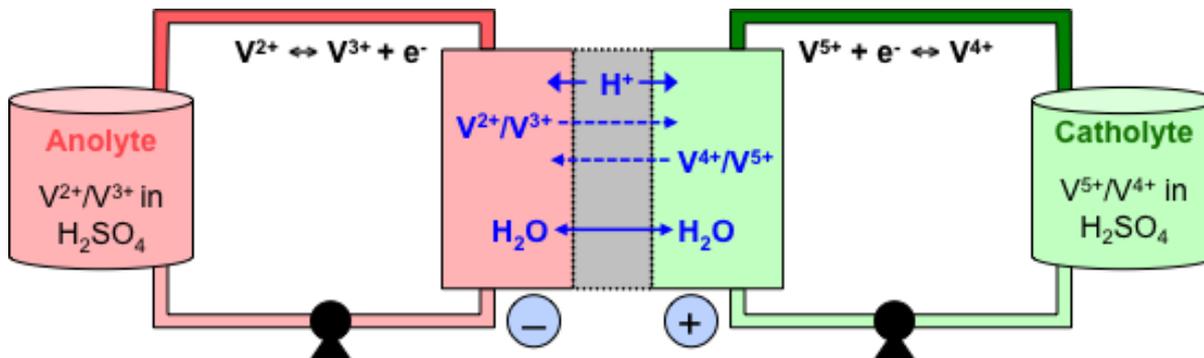
**Renewable Energy**  
Smoothing & time-shifting



**Remote & Off Grid**  
Minimize fuel usage

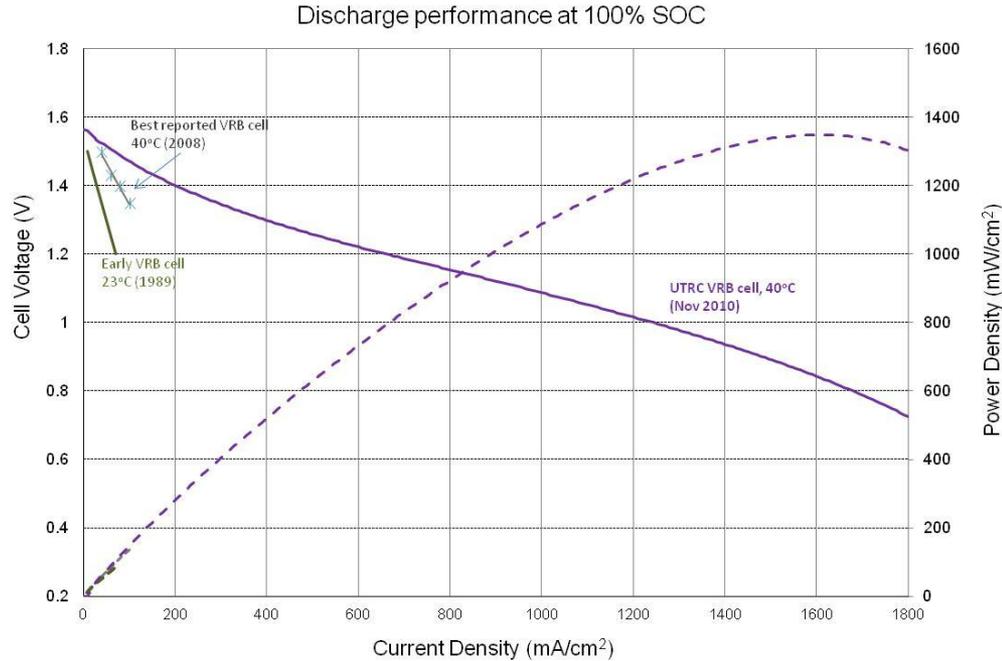


**Commercial Buildings**  
Bill reduction & UPS



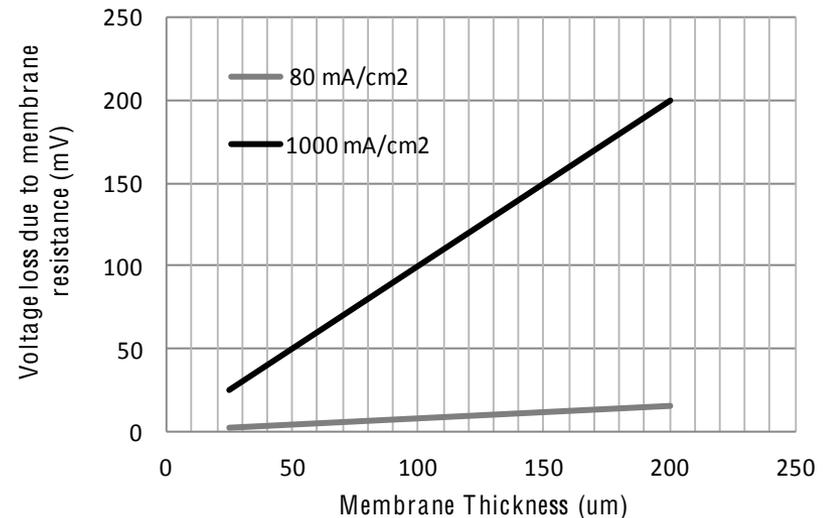
**Transmission & Distribution**  
Infrastructure deferral

# Flow Battery Performance



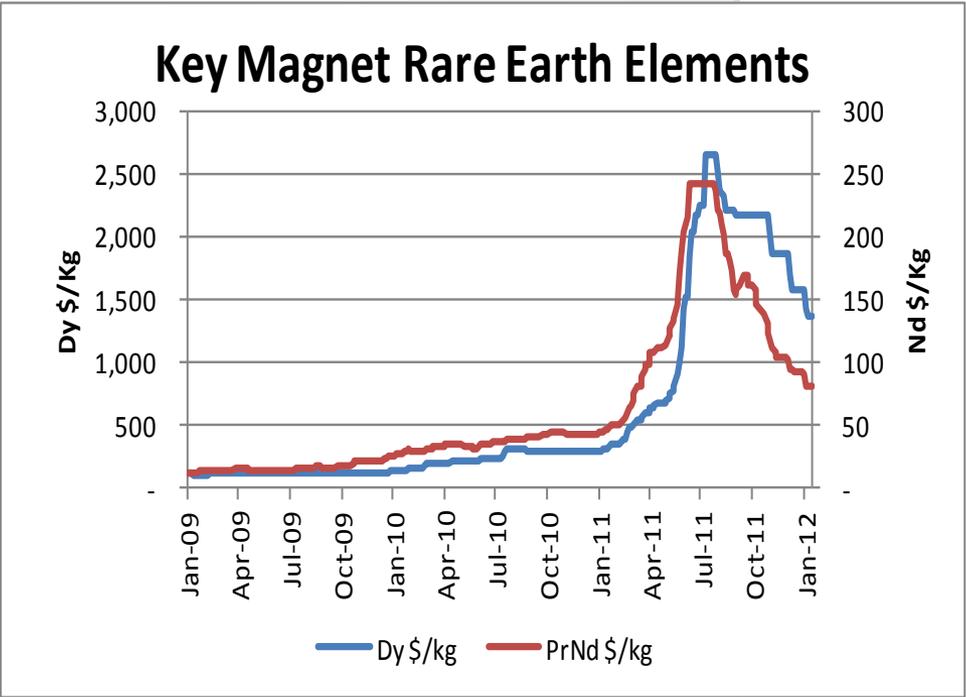
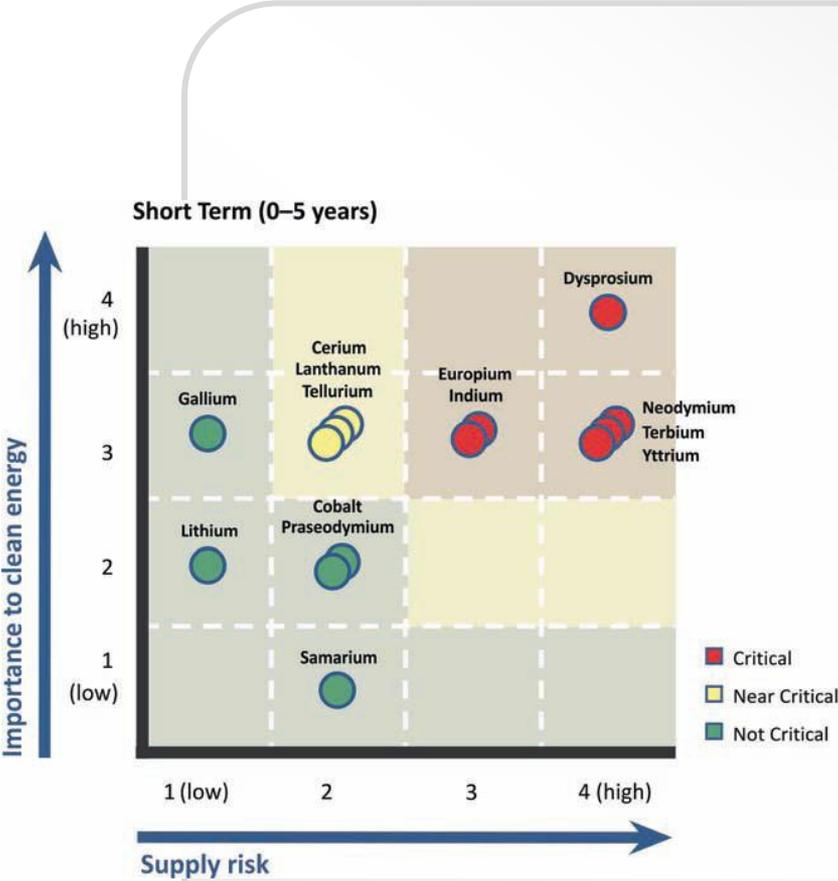
Lower membrane resistance enables higher power density operation

If crossover limitations addressed, thin membranes are advantageous.



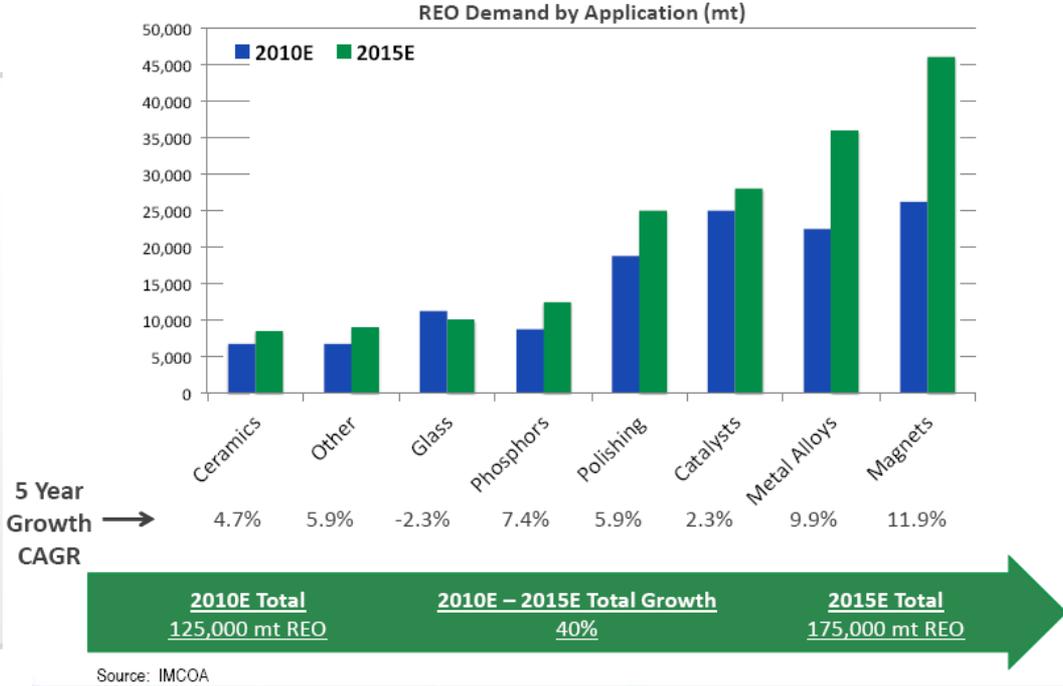
# The Skyrocketing Price of Rare Earths

Cost increase begs a response



# Demand for Rare Earths

Magnets are largest share of RE market and share expected to increase



## UTC RE areas of Concern

- Magnets (Otis, Carrier, HS, Clipper)**
- Coatings (PW)
- Alloys (PW, SIK)

Primary focus Area

Data from: <http://www.Presentations/Inve>

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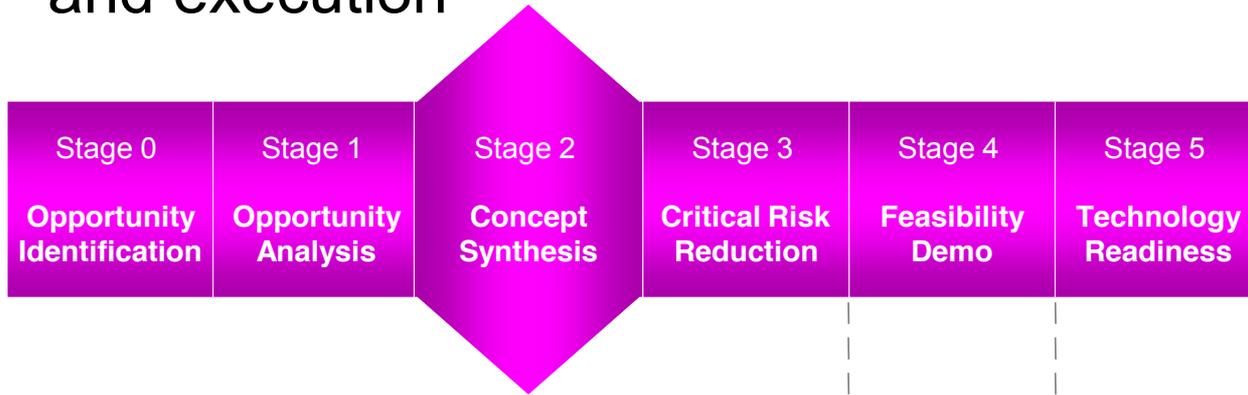
Materials Processing and Energy

# **MANUFACTURING PROCESS ADVANCES**

# Innovation Process

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## Innovation planning and execution

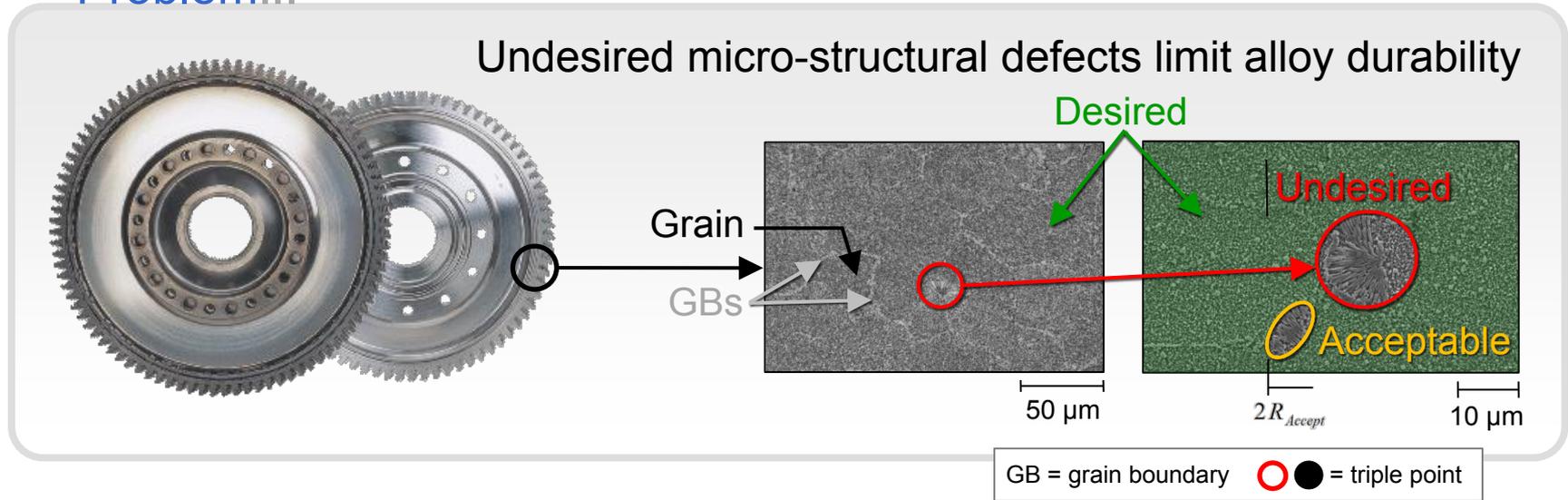


## Product development planning and execution



# Superalloy Fan-Type growth modeling

Problem...

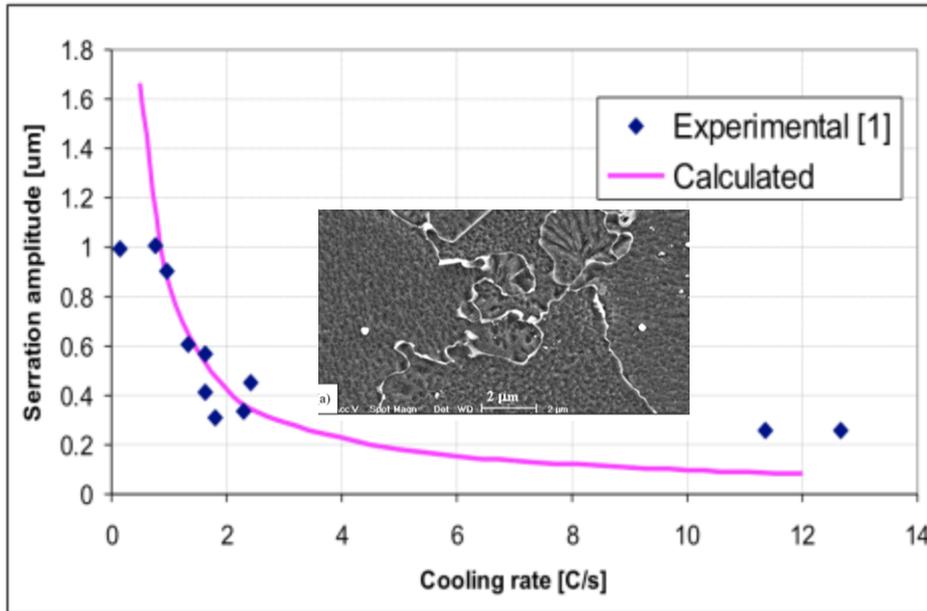


γ' Fan-Type (FT) growth in Ni-based superalloys reduces low cycle fatigue (LCF) life

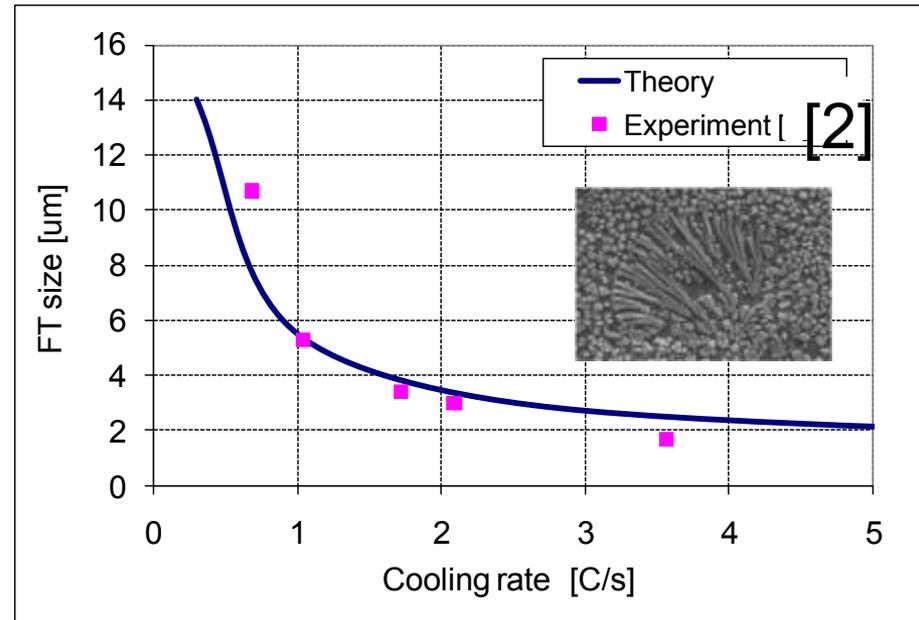
# Superalloy Fan-Type growth modeling

*Model predictions quantitatively agree with experiment*

GB serration amplitude



FT size



[1] D.Furrer, Ph.D. Thesis

[2] Mitchell R.J. On the formation of serrated grain boundaries and fan type structures in an advanced polycrystalline nickel-base superalloy // journal of materials processing technology 209 (2009) 1011–1017

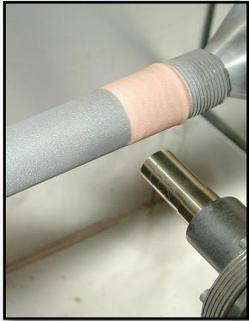
# Advanced Manufacturing

## ATOM...

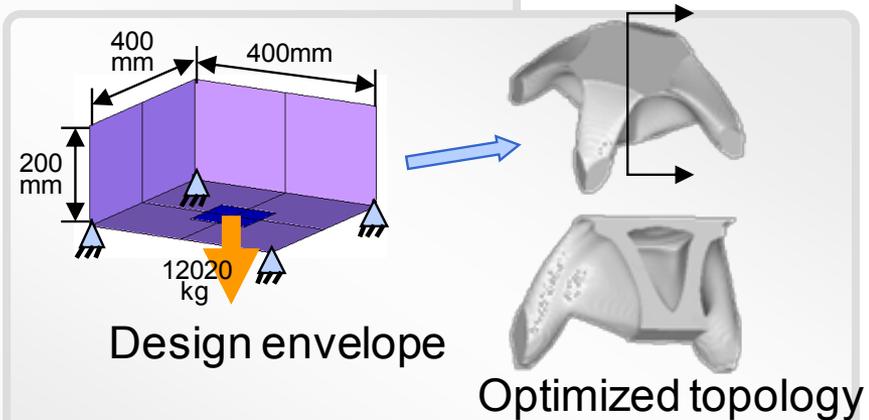
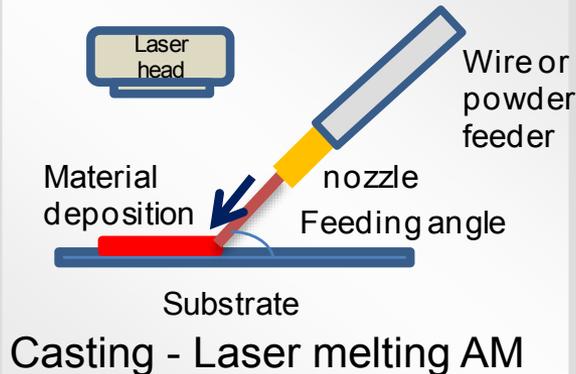
### Additive Topology Optimized Manufacturing

Integrating Topology Optimization (TO)  
with Additive Manufacturing (AM):

- Enables unlimited complexity (flexibility) in design
- 50% Reduction in time to market
- 35% Reduction in production cost
- > 50% Reduction in energy
- > 70% Reduction in raw materials consumption
- Provides an alternative to castings or forming



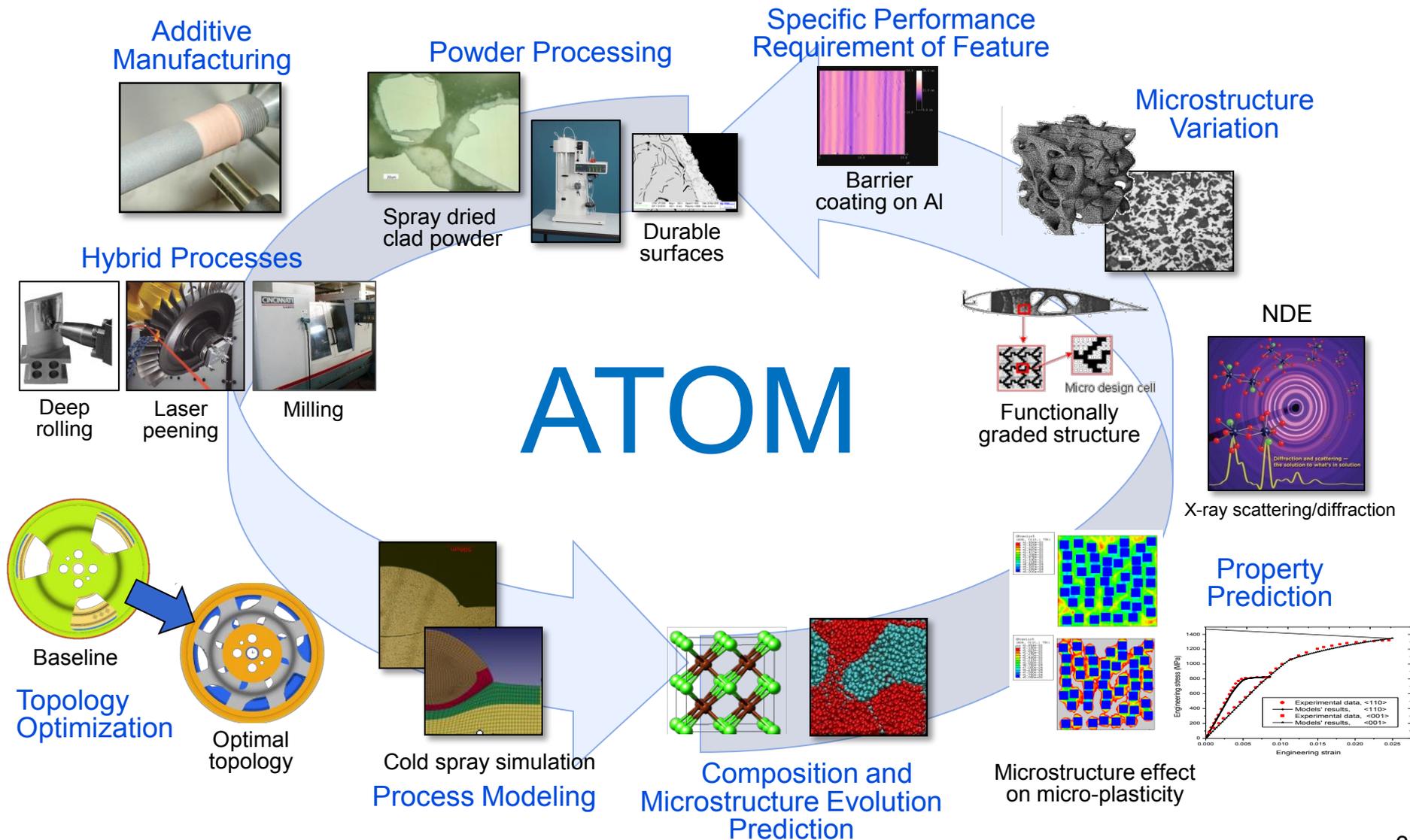
Forming  
cold spray



# ICME Approach to ATOM

Additive manufacturing with topology optimization for hierarchical structures

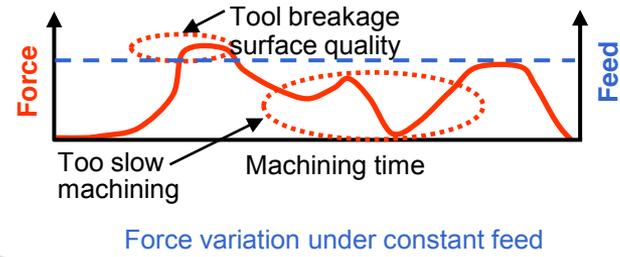
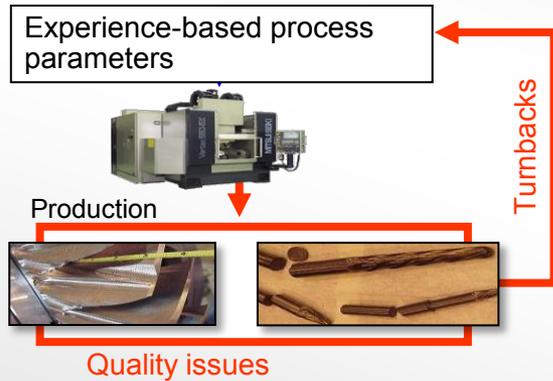
Achieve revolutionary freedom in part design for multifunctional properties



# Physics-based Models

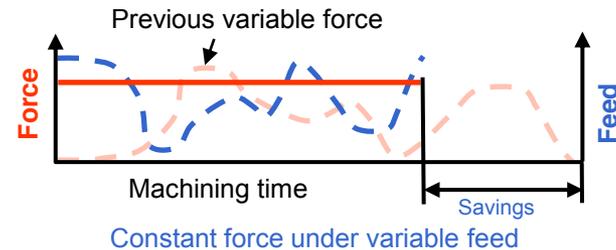
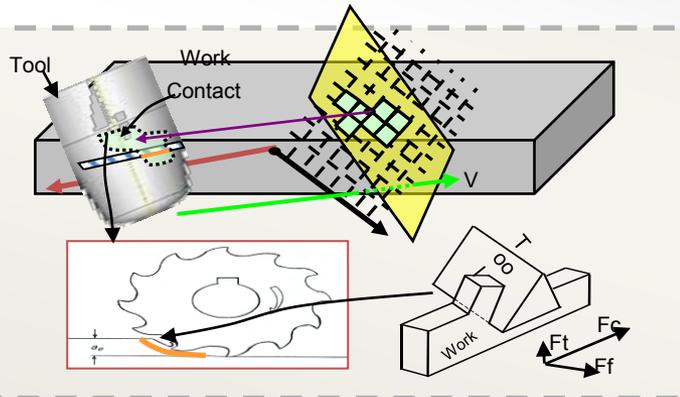
## Optimizing machining processes

### Traditional process development...



- Long process development time
- High development cost
- High process variations
- Long cycle-time and increased cost

### Model-based approach...

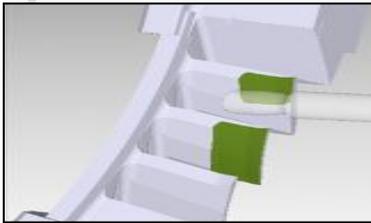


- Reduced time and cost
- Less process variation

# Cycle-time and Cost Reduction

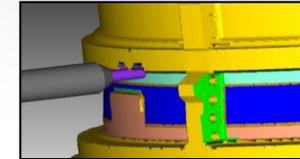
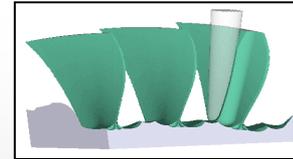
## Integrated Bladed Rotor process development...

Technology enabler for small IBRs



Super abrasive machining model

## P&W machining...



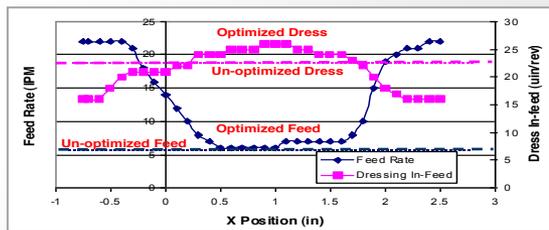
Multi-axis milling model

~ 30% time saving at suppliers

## P&WC blade and vane...

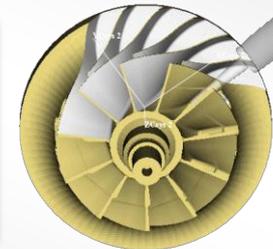
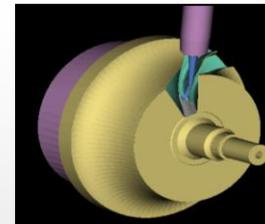


Coating cracks



Blade grinding optimization  
~ 40% time savings

## HS 787 impeller machining...

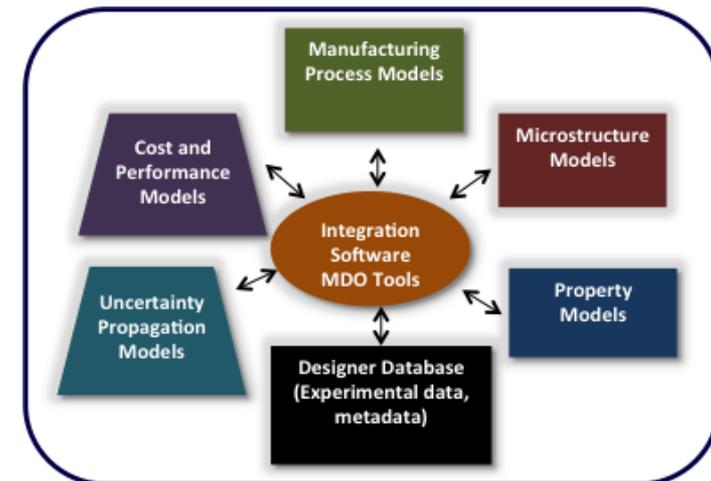
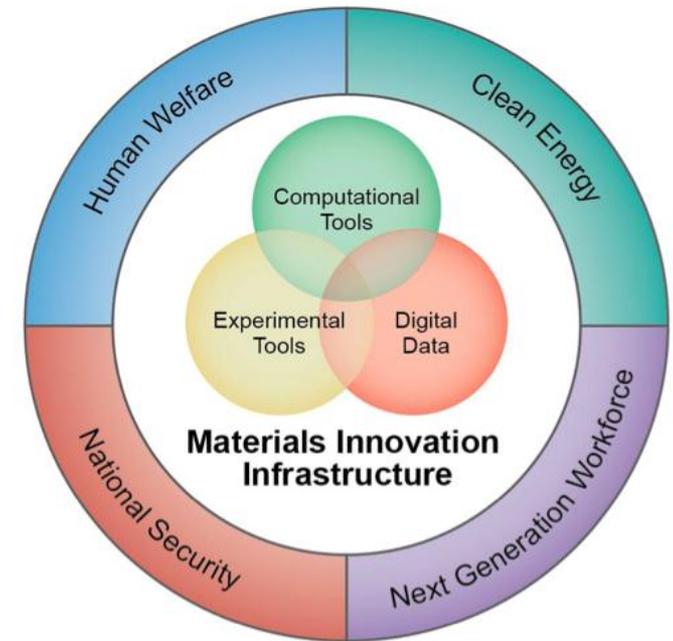
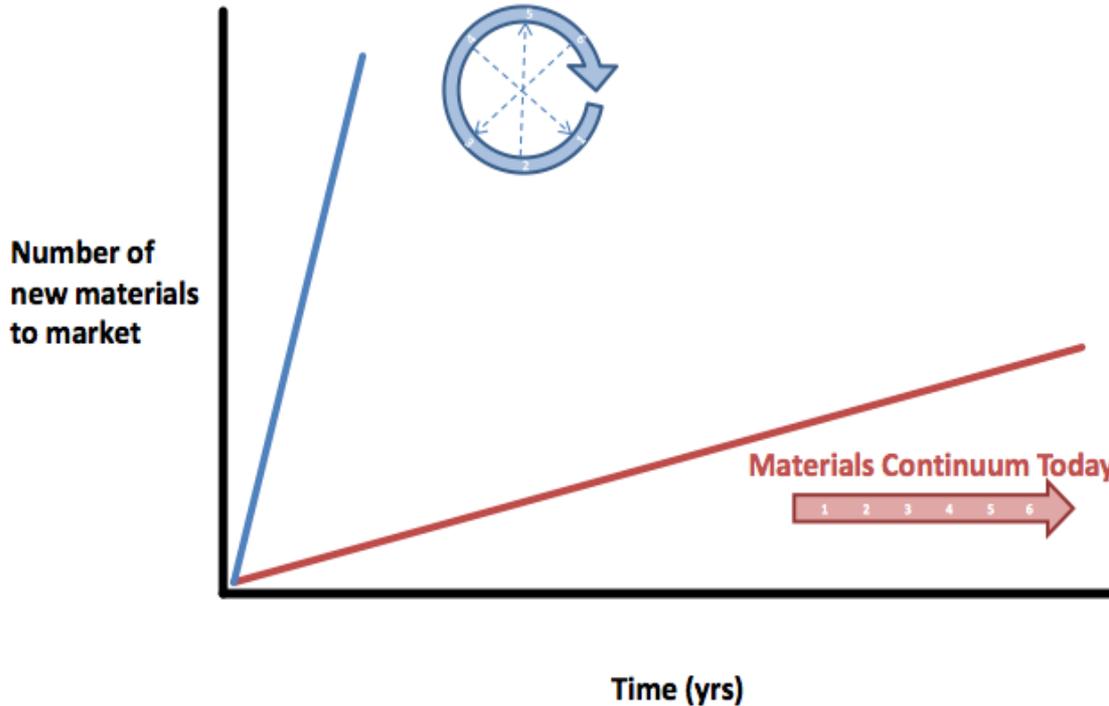


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# Integrated Computational Materials Engineering

## Materials genome initiative

Future Continuum Under the National Materials Initiative



# Optimization from ICME Perspective

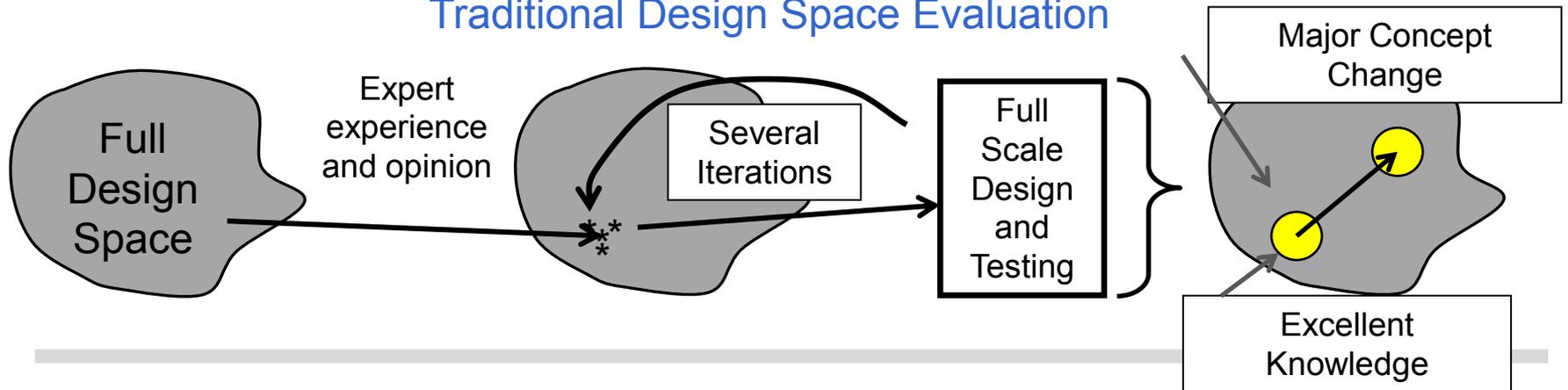
## Integration is key

Computation working together at many levels (multi-scale)

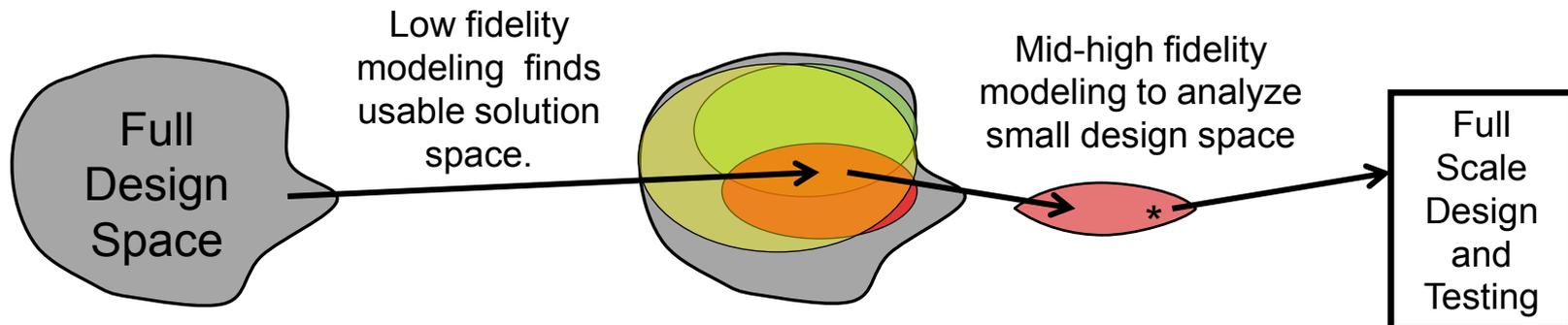
Experimentation still required

Effective use of data

### Traditional Design Space Evaluation



### ICME Approach to Design Space Evaluation



# Invention and Innovation

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“Invention and innovation are complements. In the short run, this complementarity is not perfect; it is indeed possible to have one without the other.

But in the long run, technologically creative societies must be both inventive and innovative.

Without invention, innovation will eventually slow down and grind to a halt, and the stationary state will obtain.

Without innovation, inventors will lack focus and have little economic incentive to pursue new ideas.”

*“The Lever of Riches: Technological Creativity and Economic Progress” John Mokyr, Oxford, 1990.*